

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2751

AN ACT

To authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to General Henry H. Shelton and to provide for the production of bronze duplicates of such medal for sale to the public.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “General Shelton Con-
3 gressional Gold Medal Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) General Henry H. Shelton, Chairman of the
7 Joint Chiefs of Staff, the principal military adviser
8 to the President, the National Security Council, and
9 the Secretary of Defense, has displayed leadership,
10 competence, and professionalism in fulfilling his
11 statutory responsibilities throughout Operation Al-
12 lied Force.

13 (2) General Shelton and his subordinates bril-
14 liantly planned and coordinated at the national level
15 the successful air campaign in support of Operation
16 Allied Force.

17 (3) General Shelton’s leadership, foresight, and
18 determination were directly responsible for ensuring
19 a decisive military victory without a single allied
20 combat casualty in Kosovo in 1999.

21 (4) As the principal military adviser to the
22 President of the United States, the National Secu-
23 rity Council, and the Secretary of Defense, General
24 Shelton’s assessments, judgments, recommendations,
25 and determination were invaluable and instrumental

1 in the unprecedented military victory against the
2 forces of Slobodan Milosevic.

3 (5) General Shelton's distinction as a "soldier's
4 soldier", as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,
5 and throughout his military service, including com-
6 mand of the Special Operations Command, the 18th
7 Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, heli-
8 copter forces in Operation Desert Storm, and special
9 forces Green Berets in Vietnam, serves as an inspi-
10 ration to the Congress and the people of the United
11 States, a grateful Nation.

12 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

13 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
14 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to Gen-
15 eral Henry H. Shelton a gold medal of appropriate design
16 in recognition of his performance as a military leader in
17 coordinating the planning, strategy, and execution of the
18 United States and NATO combat action and his inval-
19 uable contributions to the United States and to the success-
20 ful return to peace in the Balkans as Chairman of the
21 Joint Chiefs of Staff.

22 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
23 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
24 of the Treasury (hereafter referred to in this Act as the
25 "Secretary") shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-

1 blemis, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the
2 Secretary.

3 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

4 The Secretary may strike bronze duplicates of the
5 gold medal struck pursuant to section 3, under such regu-
6 lations as the Secretary may prescribe, and may sell such
7 bronze duplicates at a price sufficient to cover the cost
8 thereof, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
9 and overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

10 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

11 Medals struck pursuant to this Act are national med-
12 als for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States
13 Code.

14 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; PROCEEDS**
15 **OF SALE.**

16 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
17 authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$30,000 to
18 carry out section 3.

19 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALES.—Amounts received from
20 sales of duplicate bronze medals under section 4 shall be

1 credited to the appropriation made pursuant to the au-
2 thorization provided in subsection (a).

Passed the House of Representatives December 19,
2001.

Attest:

Clerk.

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